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For more information on the
EnergySmart Schools Program
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The Board of Directors of the National School Boards Association (NSBA) has unanimously endorsed the U.S. Department of Energy's EnergySmart Schools (ESS) program. NSBA Executive Director, Anne Bryant, praised the program for "using a holistic approach to improving the teaching and learning environment by providing resources to encourage healthy high-performance schools and energy education for the consumers of tomorrow." The U.S. Department of Energy is the first federal agency to receive this official endorsement.

<http://www.rebuild.org/sectors/SectorPages/nsba.html>

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EnergySmart Schools

EnergySmart Schools (ESS) improves teacher education and student learning at all levels through hands on activities that in-turn reduce school energy consumption. Instead of learning from a textbook, the students take an active role by performing energy audits or forming school-wide “energy patrols”, for example. The students grow to have a vested interest in energy reduction by becoming the school’s energy monitors. ESS develops a team approach to energy efficiency



uniting all administration, facility directors, custodial and teaching staff, as well as students towards a common goal.

ESS can also have an impact on the community. The students can take this information home and integrate it into their family life.

Energy is the second largest item in a school’s budget. Behavioral changes taught through the Rebuild Michigan EnergySmart Schools Program can save 15% of your schools’ energy consumption, which can be reinvested into education.

The Incentive

Rebuild MI is offering an EnergySmart Schools financial incentive for any public K-12 district in Michigan to implement an energy education project during the 2004-2005 school year. The incentive will be used to provide 3-5 districts with energy education training for the staff and educational materials for the students.



Eligibility

Your school district must be enrolled in the Rebuild Michigan program prior to receiving the incentive. If you are not already enrolled please see www.michigan.gov/eormes or contact Tim Shireman at tashire@michigan.gov for more information.

Requirements

The school district should plan on initiating one or more energy education training sessions before December, 2004 and integrate energy activities into the classroom before June, 2005. The focus will be energy efficiency and renewable energy activities. Eligible school districts will need to draft a project proposal that includes these components:

Purpose: Why does your school district want to become involved with EnergySmart Schools? What are your goals?

Involvement: Who will be involved in the project? (Identify target groups and grades as well as lead contacts.)

Project: A brief description of the type of project your district would like to pursue and a possible timeframe. Consider what energy issues best fit into your curriculum. Will you plan a school-wide initiative or focus on course based classes? (such as science, math, social studies, etc.) Will the administration, facility directors, or custodial staff be involved? What are the key energy education related needs of your district?

Selection

Proposals may be submitted to the MI Energy Office between 5/7/04 and 9/30/04. Three to five proposals will be funded on a first come first serve basis. Once a district has been selected, it will work with Rebuild Michigan and The National Energy Education Development Project (NEED) to develop a curricular plan. The NEED project is a nonprofit education association dedicated to developing and distributing comprehensive, hands-on energy education programs to schools nationwide.

